

TRIAL OF DAVIS WILL BEGIN TO-DAY

Former Bank Official Charged
With Making False Report
to Commission.

FLOOD IN RIVER RECEDING

Traffic Largely Resumed—In-
creased Interest in Muni-
cipal Campaign.

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Petersburg, Va., March 19.—The trial of Charles Hall Davis on the indictment alleging the making of a false report of the condition of the Appomattox Trust Company's bank to the State Corporation Commission in August, 1908, is set for to-morrow in the Hastings Court, and as far as is now known the trial will then be begun.

Mr. Davis and Carter R. Bishop are jointly charged in this indictment, but they will be tried separately, Mr. Davis first. Jurors and witnesses have been summoned for to-morrow.

Flood Fast Receding.
The Appomattox freshet is fast receding, having fallen several feet within the last twelve hours. River traffic is clear of water, which covered the street nearly its entire length to a depth of three to five feet, the water having passed out by the culverts through which it had been forced back. Travel and traffic have been resumed, with the exception of travel with Poca-hontas. The washing away of the bridge yesterday afternoon has practically suspended communication with that important suburb.

The present freshet marked two feet higher at Campbell's Bridge than that of 1908, which did so much damage in the lower part of the county, but it marked four feet lower than the memorable flood of 1888.

The large mills around Campbell's Bridge have been forced to stop operations on account of being flooded, and will be suspended until the water recedes and damages are repaired. Measures will probably promptly be adopted to restore communication between the city and Pocahontas, which is now limited to the railroad bridge.

The Municipal Campaign.
The municipal campaign is daily growing more interesting. There are but two candidates for the office of Mayor, George Cameron, Jr., the incumbent, and R. Bolling Wilcox, a young lawyer. But a number of good men are offering for the Board of Aldermen and the Common Council, among them several prominent lawyers—Paul Pettit, for the Board, and William R. McKenney and Judge J. B. Price, for the Council. A number of good business men are also offering, showing that more than usual interest is felt this year in the coming elections. The primary list will close on Saturday.

No Decision To-Day.
Judge J. F. West did not render his decision in the Harrison Street (colored) Baptist Church case today, as had been expected. The reason was that James W. Gordon, of Richmond, counsel for the plaintiffs in the case, could not be present by reason of an engagement elsewhere. Judge West will probably render his decision to-morrow, which will be on the commissioner's report on the roll of male membership of the church, to which exceptions were taken and argued. The Harrison Street Church case, in one way or another, has been in the courts for several years.

License Tax Ordinance.
At the last meeting of the Common Council the license tax ordinance for the ensuing year was offered and laid over until the April meeting. A special meeting of the Finance Committee will be held Thursday evening to con-

sider this ordinance, and to give all interested taxpayers an opportunity to be heard on it, if any desire to be heard.

Contract Awarded.
The Board of Police Commissioners has awarded the contract for furnishing the blue summer helmets for the police corps. The contract for summer uniforms goes to a Philadelphia firm, which has been making them for years.

Funeral of Dr. Gilliam.
The funeral of the late Dr. J. P. Gilliam, of Chesterfield county, took place at noon to-day from the residence of his sister, Mrs. J. A. Johnson, on Jefferson Street, and was attended by many of his friends from the county and city. The services were conducted by the Rev. E. J. Dandridge, of St. Paul's Church, assisted by the Rev. M. W. Bloom, of Chesterfield. The pall-bearers were: Honorary—General Smith Bolling, T. J. Gillis, John N. Dunstan, G. E. Robertson, John S. Taylor, R. H. Bruce, George Mason and T. E. Woodfin.

Active—N. H. Coakley, E. A. Wells, C. F. Hendley, Selwyn Hancock, Geo. P. Perdue, J. A. Strachman, Emmett Mann and Robert Belcher. Sunday before Christmas Dr. Gilliam professed religion and joined the Second Branch Baptist Church, in Chesterfield, of which the Rev. M. W. Bloom is pastor.

Dinwiddie Circuit Court.
The Circuit Court of Dinwiddie is in session this week, Judge Southall presiding. There are several criminal cases on the docket, among them two negro youths, brothers, named Hicks, indicted for arson. They are charged with setting fire to and destroying a barn on the farm of Mr. Hitchcock. The defendants were put on trial to-day.

Same Old Scheme.
Maurice M. Finn, of this city, is in receipt of a letter from the Spanish priest, swindler offering him a fortune for aid in rescuing a beautiful daughter and in getting hold of valuable papers. Mr. Finn has heard of the swindling scheme and does not bite.

Convention at V. P. L.
[Special to The Times-Dispatch.] Blacksburg, Va., March 19.—Forty county demonstrators and the district agent engaged in the Farmers' Cooperative Demonstration Work in Virginia began a three-day convention at Virginia Polytechnic Institute this morning, with an address of welcome by President Barringer of the Institute. Representatives of the State Department of Agriculture and Professor Benson, of the United States Bureau of Agriculture, will meet with the demonstrators, and State Agent T. O. Sandy also is here.

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WOMAN USES AXE
TO KILL NEGRO
Details of Homicide in Carteret
County Committed Last
Saturday.

[Special to The Times-Dispatch.]
Newbern, N. C., March 19.—News was received here to-day of a homicide which occurred near Straits, Carteret county, last Saturday afternoon. The victim of the affair was Oscar Crowley, colored, and the woman who killed him, Mrs. Charles Williamson, wife of a fisherman. Early Saturday morning Mr. Williamson left his home for the purpose of going over to Beaufort to attend to some business matters. He endeavored to persuade his wife to go with him. She told him that she had a number of household duties to perform during the day and would be perfectly safe if left alone.

Late Saturday afternoon Crowley came to Williamson's and inquired for Mr. Williamson. His wife told him her husband was not at home. Immediately the negro, realizing that the woman had no protection, walked into the room and demanded something to eat. Mrs. Williamson placed food before him. When he had concluded the repast, he said he intended to stay, and that he was going to lie down. The negro then drew a revolver from his pocket, showing it to the frightened woman, and told her if she left he would kill her. He then ordered her to get him a basin of water, so he could wash. She complied with this request and went in search of a towel. When Mrs. Williamson saw this, she picked the implement up, placed it behind her, and returned to the room in which the negro was seated. Suspecting nothing he took the towel from her, and quick as a flash she brought the axe down on the man's head, and his skull was crushed in. Mrs. Williamson, frightened into a hysterical condition, fled from the room and related the affair.

Investigation was made by the authorities, and Mrs. Williamson exonerated.

**FEAR OUTCOME
OF COAL STRIKE**

Both Houses of Congress Stirred
to Action—Anxiety at Navy
Department.

Washington, March 19.—Prospects of a coal strike stirred members of both houses of Congress to action to-day. Senator Townsend introduced a bill to provide a Federal investigation of any controversy affecting interstate commerce, and Representative Esch proposed a similar measure in the House. Senator Townsend's bill is similar to one he introduced when a member of the House several years ago.

The possibilities of a coal strike are causing anxiety at the Navy Department. While the strike would affect the anthracite mines only, indirectly that would be likely to increase the cost of bituminous coal, which would be used largely as a substitute.

Secretary Meyer will confer to-morrow with representatives of some of the bituminous coal companies to discuss the supply the navy. It is stated that in addition to the disturbance in the market caused by the present foreign and prospective domestic strike, the Virginia and West Virginia coaleries are greatly embarrassed by car shortage. It is also represented to the department that there are twenty-five foreign steamers in Hampton Roads waiting for bunker coal, and that they are offering \$1.50 per ton more than the navy pays. The Boston Navy Yard is short of coal, and there is some apprehension that other yards will soon be affected, but the fleet is in better condition owing to the ability of the ships to select their coaling ports.

Another serious question may soon arise when it becomes necessary to replenish the stores of coal shipped from the Virginia mines to the insular possessions and the foreign stations of the American fleet. Indications are that contracts which the navy soon will make for its coal supply for the next year will show a considerable increase in price.

**COMMITTEE TO MAKE PLANS
FOR IMPROVEMENT OF ROADS**
[Special to The Times-Dispatch.]
Fredericksburg, Va., March 19.—The Good Road Association of King George county has appointed a committee of four from each township to formulate plans for the betterment of the roads in King George county, the report to be submitted to the next meeting of the Good Roads Association to be held at King George Courthouse Saturday, March 30. The following constitute the committee: Shiloh, R. U. Owens, H. T. Garnett, B. F. Coakley and Jas. H. Thompson; Rappahannock, M. Zimpelman, Dr. T. T. Arnold, T. W. Boggs and H. T. Berry; Potomac, L. A. Ashton, W. H. Suttle, P. P. Taylor and C. T. Parks.

The white public school teachers of King George county will hold a public meeting at King George Courthouse, March 29, at 11 o'clock. There will be addresses and other features of interest.

HALE-BURIED IN MUD.
Body of Man Supposed to Be George
J. Thompson, Jr., of New York, Found
Jacksonton, Fla., March 19.—The badly decomposed body of a man, supposed to be George J. Thompson, Jr., of New York City, was found buried in the mud one mile northeast of Haldwin, Fla., twenty miles west of Jacksonton. Sheriff Bowen visited the scene, and in the pocket of the man's clothes found a card case, with "Tammam Hall" in gold letters. In this card case was found a receipt from Tammam Hall issued to George J. Thompson, Jr., and signed by Joseph J. Farley, Twelfth Assembly District, 2267 Seventh Avenue, New York City. Eleven \$20 bills were also found on his person, together with a hotel key from St. Augustine, Fla.

New Board of Trade Officers.
[Special to The Times-Dispatch.]
Suffolk, Va., March 19.—Balloting for officers in the Suffolk Board of Trade, which was in progress until 8 o'clock to-night, resulted in the election of: A. A. Shoup as president, W. B. Ferguson and W. S. Beaman, vice-presidents; John P. Lee, treasurer. There was a tie between two candidates for the directorate, and the election will be repeated on Thursday.

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Here is a way in which women can put the Moving Picture Shows to good use so as to help the town.

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One woman is making a living running a successful boarding-house. She tells how she does it.

Art?

Olive Rush has painted a picture which is reproduced in full color on fine art paper by a remarkable new process. You will also like the cover by Douglas Volk.

Health?

The article on Extenuating the House Fly comes in good season for work this summer. "Good Health as an Asset" ought to be read by every woman.

Women's Clubs?

A remarkable department, outlining work for ten different representative clubs.

Literature?

When Miss Gilder tells what she thinks of Arnold Bennett you will find it is just what we all think.



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Shall I entertain this month?

If you do, you will want to know about April Fool Parties, April Showers and plan April parties.



Are the children troublesome?

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An Easter Hat?

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Clothes?

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TRINKLE MAY BE NAMED IN NINTH

Bristol, Va., March 19.—The Democrats of the Ninth Virginia District will hold a convention here to-morrow to nominate a candidate for Congress. While several men are mentioned for the honor, it is known to indicate the probable will of the convention. State Senator David Cummings, of Abingdon, has announced that he could not accept if nominated. Delegates arriving to-night express the belief that Lee Trinkle, of Wytheville, will be the choice of the convention.

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RECORD-BREAKING CROP IS EXPECTED

Apple Prospects in Frederick
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in Many Years.

Winchester, Va., March 19.—Some of the best-informed fruitgrowers of the county who were in town to-day declared that Frederick county should this year produce the largest crop of apples grown there. An examination of the trees shows fruit buds unusually numerous, and they appear to be healthy, particularly on trees which have been bearing for a number of years. The extremely cold weather of January killed practically all the early blossoms, by nipping the ends of the twigs from which the buds come, but the zero weather also prevented the apple trees from making progress. There has been no weather sufficiently warm to cause the buds to come out too soon on the apple trees, and experienced growers declare it is now practically too late for a frost to injure the trees.

During the summer and fall season of 1911, Frederick county shipped over 250,000 barrels of apples, or about one-fourth of the entire output of the State, and it is predicted that in view of the fact that weather conditions are favorable and that thousands of trees will bear in paying quantities for the first time the output for 1912 will exceed 320,000 barrels.

Many orchard men have already begun their first spring spraying, and from now on the orchards on every hillside and little valley in Frederick county will receive special attention at the hands of the men who have thousands of dollars invested in apple lands.

New Pastor Installed.
[Special to The Times-Dispatch.]
Spencer, N. C., March 19.—Rev. C. B. Heller was formally installed as

pastor of Spencer Presbyterian Church last night, when a large congregation attended the exercises. Rev. Byron Clarke, D. D., of Salisbury presided. The installation sermon was preached by Rev. G. W. Shipley, of Kanawha, and the charge to the minister was made by Rev. E. P. Bradley, of Mocksville. E. B. Neave, of Salisbury, delivered the charge to the congregation. Rev. Mr. Heller comes to Spencer from the Reformed Church, in which he has been a regular pastor at faith for a number of years.

CONFERENCE OF NEGROES.
Will Consider Question of Sending Contesting Delegates to Chicago.
[Special to The Times-Dispatch.]
Suffolk, Va., March 19.—Leading

negro politicians of Suffolk and Nansemond county held a meeting last night and elected eight delegates to a Second District Republican conference to be held to-morrow in Norfolk. Committees were appointed to secure the qualification of every negro voter possible.

According to local leaders the advisability of sending contesting delegates to the Republican National Convention in Chicago may be considered at to-morrow's conference. The ignoring of the negroes in recent conventions has inspired a feeling of political unrest.

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